

HOUSE No. 163

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and Families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CASELOADS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7(a) of Chapter 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by
2 removing the words "establish reasonable caseload rates and report the same to the General Court in the
3 budget estimates of the Department" and inserting in its place the following:
- 4 "ensure that no social worker will carry a caseload in excess of the standards set forth by the Child
5 Welfare League of America and shall request the same in the Department's budget request to the General
6 Court."
- 7 SECTION 2. Section 12(5) of Chapter 18B is amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, "Said
8 budget shall be consistent with caseload standards established by the Child Welfare League of America."